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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examination of the above identified application, please enter the following
preliminary amendment:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-24 and add Claims 29 and 30 as follows:

29. A method of controlling a hybrid powertrain, the hybrid powertrain including a
motor-generator, an internal combustion engine and a transmission, for a vehicle comprising:
sensing the state of charge of at least one battery;
sensing the temperature of an internal combustion engine;
sensing the temperature of the at least one battery;
controlling the motor-generator operation based upon the state of charge; and
controlling the motor-generator based upon the temperature of the internal combustion
engine.